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In re: Avant, Jr.

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For: **METHODS OF PROCESSING KAOLIN FROM HIGH GRIT CONTENT
CRUDE CLAY ORE**

Date: April 6, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 14, 2005

Sir:

Applicant provides the present Response to address the issues raised in the Office Action (the "Action") mailed December 14, 2005. Applicant provides the present Response pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.